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SUBJ : NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF MINES AND POWER VISIT TO U.S.

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS REFTEL. EMBOFF CALLED MINISTRY MINES AND POWER (MMP) TO RELAY INFORMATION AND WAS INFORMED THAT GROUP, NOT INCLUDING COMMISSIONER, HAD ALREADY LEFT EDSL U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES. EMBOFF NOTED WITH SOME

IRRITATION THE CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE TO WHICH STATE, BUMINES AND GEOLOGICAL SERVICE HAD GONE TO ASSIST MMP AND STRESSED THAT IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO CALL UP EMBASSY FEW DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE AND ASK THAT SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION BE PULLED TOGETHER OR PROGRAM BELAID ON FOR IMPORTANT FMG VISITORS. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT GROUP GOING TO U.S. MAINLY ON OTHER BUSINESS AND HIS ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS JUST TO SEE IF EMBASSY HAD INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS U.S. GEOLOGICAL AND METALLURGICAL CENTERS WHICH MINISTRY GROUP COULD VISIT IN PASSING. EMBOFF SUGGESTED IFOFFICIAL WOULD PROVIDE NAMES OF GROUP AND ITINERARY EMBASSY WOULD RELAY THIS TO BUMINES AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO ALERT THEM IN CASE GROUP TURNED UP. MMP OFFICIAL DECLINED DIVULGE NAMES BUT ASKED EMBOFF TO SEND HIM INFORMATION IN REFTEL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
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